Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): **A snowboard binding comprising:**

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element, wherein the instep element is movable along at least one arc-like path formed by at least one strap that is fastened on both sides to the base element and extends over the instep element;

at least one guide on the at least one strap and the instep element which limit the arc-like path;

~~**The snowboard binding of claim 5**~~ wherein each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in the at least one strap and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening.

Claim 8 (currently amended): **A snowboard binding comprising:**

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element, wherein the instep element is movable along at least one arc-like path, wherein the

arc-like path runs essentially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding, and wherein the at least one arc-like path is formed by at least one strap that is fastened on both sides to the base element and extends over the instep element; and

at least one guide on the at least one strap and the instep element which limit the arc-like path;

~~**The snowboard binding of claim 6**~~ wherein each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in the at least one strap and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The snowboard binding of claim 7 further comprising at least one damper on one or both ends of the guide openings to damp movement of the pin in a longitudinal direction of the guide opening.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The snowboard binding of claim 8 further comprising at least one damper on one or both ends of the guide openings to damp movement of the pin in a longitudinal direction of the guide opening.

Claim 11 (Original): The snowboard binding of claim 9 wherein the dampers are formed by constrictions of the guide opening whose width is smaller than a diameter of the guide pin.

Claim 12 (Original): The snowboard binding of claim 10 wherein the dampers are formed by constrictions of the guide opening whose width is smaller than a diameter of the guide pin.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The snowboard binding of claim 9 wherein the at least one damper comprises an insert made of elastic material.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The snowboard binding of claim 10 wherein the at least one damper comprises an insert made of elastic material.

Claim 15 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 7 wherein the guide pin has a thickened head on its free end that extends over the guide opening.

Claim 16 (original): The snowboard binding of claim 8 wherein the guide pin has a thickened head on its free end that extends over the guide opening.

Claims 17 - 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): **A snowboard binding comprising:**

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element, wherein the instep element is movable along at least one arc-like path formed by at least one strap that is fastened on both sides to the base element and extends over the instep element;

at least one guide on the at least one strap and the instep element which limit the arc-like path;

at least two guides on each strap;

checks to block mobility of the instep element along the arc-like path;

~~**The snowboard binding of claim 20**~~ wherein:

each guide is formed by at least one guide opening in the form of a slot in each strap and a guide pin on the instep element, with the guide pin passing through the guide opening and being guided on side walls of the guide opening with a thickened guide pin head on its free end that extends over the guide opening;

the checks comprise toothing on a side of the at least one guide opening and counter-toothing on the thickened guide pin head that extends over the at least one guide opening; and

the thickened guide pin head being mounted to rotate at least 90°.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A snowboard binding comprising:

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element;

at least one strap fastened on its respective ends to the base element and extending over the instep element to define an arc substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding; and

at least one guide opening and a guide pin received in the at least one guide opening for guiding the instep element along said arc.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A snowboard binding comprising:

a base element configured for attachment to a top of a snowboard;

an instep element configured to extend over part of a snowboard boot applied to the base element;

a first strap and a second strap, each fastened on its respective ends to the base element and extending over the instep element to define arcs substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of the binding; and

at least one guide opening and at least one guide pin received in the at least one guide opening for guiding the instep element along said arcs.